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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Working Relationship between the Agency and Library
of Congress

STAT 1. Hugh Wolff, Library of Congress, called concerning the working relationships between the Library and the Agency. He said generally they deal with CRS because most of what they want falls within CRS' purview. However, there are times when they need information which CRS cannot provide and they call this office. As an example, he said Mr. Raiford, who works for Wolff, called the Agency to get the committee structure of USIB. He was somehow referred to [] IC Staff, who told Raiford that they would have to submit the request in writing, which Raiford could not do because of a deadline. Secondly, he was told he should tell members or committees that if they want that kind of information they should go directly to CIA and not through the Library of Congress. Wolff said this would not be practical. He said members sometimes want to maintain anonymity.

2. Wolff wondered if we could get this all back on the track. He said he was surprised that Raiford made this request over the phone without talking to OLC about it and to that extent they were wrong. He said they should not be calling each and every office and should keep their inquiries in channels. He said what bothers him is that they had been told not to bother us. I said I thought there is a middle ground.

3. I said more and more people are pecking away at us and we are getting more and more inquiries that are causing us concern. I said we had no great problem with the Library of Congress regarding unclassified questions like the membership of USIB. I said we are adamant, however, about not having information that is classified or which is subject to interpretation. Wolff said on the classified material there is no argument. He said all we need do is say it is classified information and lay out the procedures for the member to follow and they will pass that on. He said there was little chance the Library would pursue the matter further. I told him we have in the past told them that a particular

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matter is something we cannot respond to on an anonymous basis and the Library can ask the member to get in touch with our Office directly. I said we prefer to relay whatever substantive information from the Agency directly so that if there is a follow-up question, we will know precisely what was said in the first instance. I said on the other routine matters, we have no problem.

4. Mr. Wolff said that sometimes they have their people get briefings on different agencies and he thought of checking with CIA and DIA about getting trained so they can do limited briefings of some of the freshmen members. I told him we would not do that! Wolff asked if there was some type of reading material they could have. I said I would check and let him know.



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